

given surfaces to allow their subsequent disposal, the apparatus comprising:

an elongate handle having a rear end intended to be grasped by a user, and a front end;

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a rigid housing attached to the front end of the handle and defining an insect trap compartment having a large aperture through which an insect is placed within the insect trap compartment, the housing including an upper wall and interconnected side walls extending downwardly to define the compartment aperture, and a track positioned adjacent to an edge of the compartment aperture; [and]

a planar mesh closure member supported within the track and slidable between a retracted position to permit access to the insect trap compartment through the compartment aperture, and an extended position wherein the mesh closure member covers the compartment aperture, wherein the housing and the mesh closure member, in its extended position, cooperatively provide a fly swatter; and

means for slidably supporting a rear end portion of the mesh closure member relative to the handle, including a rear slide clamp attached to the rear end portion of the mesh closure member, having a central notch through which the handle slidably extends.

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~~10.~~ (Amended) An apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein the housing includes a [rearwardly extending] projection extending rearwardly from the insect trap compartment, which projection supports a portion of the track designed to support a front end portion of the mesh closure member when placed in its retracted position.

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11. (Amended) A dual purpose apparatus providing, alternatively, an insect trap and a fly swatter, the apparatus comprising:

an elongate, resiliently flexible handle having a rear end intended to be grasped by a user, and a front end;

a rigid housing attached to the front end of the handle, the housing defining an insect trap compartment having a large aperture through which an insect is placed within the insect trap compartment; [and]

means slidable with respect to the handle and the housing in a plane between a retracted position and an extended position, for covering the insect trap compartment aperture in the extended position, and for uncovering said compartment aperture in the retracted position to permit access to the insect trap compartment, wherein the slidable means, in the extended position, and the housing cooperatively provide a fly swatter;

wherein the slidable means comprises a planar mesh closure member, and wherein the housing includes a track for the closure member, the track comprising two parallel channels which define two sides of the compartment aperture, wherein the channels are arranged to support a front end portion of the closure member throughout its range of motion between the retracted and extended positions; and

a rear slide clamp attached to a rear end portion of the mesh closure member, having a central notch through which the handle slidably extends, which provides means for slidably supporting the rear end portion of the mesh closure member relative to the handle.

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13. (Amended) An apparatus as set forth in claim 12,¹⁰
wherein the housing further includes a [rearwardly extending]
projection extending rearwardly from the insect trap
compartment, for supporting a front end portion of the
slidable means when placed in its retracted position.

In claim 17, line 1, delete "16" and insert therefor
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Please add new claims 21-24 as follows:

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21. A hand held fly swatter apparatus capable of
being configured to capture insects alive from given surfaces
to allow their subsequent disposal, the apparatus comprising:
an elongate handle having a rear end intended to be
grasped by a user, and a front end;
a rigid housing attached to the front end of the
handle and defining an insect trap compartment having a large
aperture through which an insect is placed within the insect
trap compartment, the housing including an upper wall and
interconnected side walls extending downwardly to define the
compartment aperture, and a track positioned adjacent to an
edge of the compartment aperture;
a frameless planar mesh closure member supported
within the track and slidable between a retracted position to
permit access to the insect trap compartment through the
compartment aperture, and an extended position wherein the
mesh closure member covers the compartment aperture, wherein
the housing and the mesh closure member, in its extended
position, cooperatively provide a fly swatter; and